



BLUE MOUNTAINS BASEBALL
Winter 2020

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FINALLY!!!!!!

Back on the park-for the last regular season game!

Game 7, not a cloud but one player snowed in!

In the confused grade F1/ G1 – AT lets it rip.

Saturday 1st August; -

The ROYALS asserted their will over Eagles on their way to an easy 12-2 victory

Us ROYALS opened up scoring in the first inning one run when Glenn Hughes singled in a run, followed by Steve and Ed doing the same. We led 3-0 after one.

Todd again pitched well keeping eagles off the bases thanks to one absolute classic catch by James Cheung in centre field on the full one taking a spectacular catch.

The ROYALS scored five runs in the fifth inning. Adam Thomas, Brad Murray, and Steve Down all contributed in the big inning with RBIs.

Todd Shepherd got the win for the ROYALS. He allowed four hits and one run over five innings, striking out five. Steve Down threw one inning in relief out of the bullpen.

The ROYALS tallied 14 hits. Hughes, Brett Phelan, Murray, Thomas, and Shepherd all collected multiple hits for us ROYALS. Hughes led the ROYALS with three hits in four at bats.

Special thanks to James for filling in for us. What a game he had and Dave for umpiring

Saturday 22nd August; -

After a few weeks off we travelled to Bensons on a chilly and windy afternoon.

Even though we ROYALS collected seven hits to Hawkesbury's five, they still fell 6-4 on Saturday

The ROYALS got things moving in the first inning. Adam Forster singled on a 1-2 count, scoring one run.

After 2 innings in was 2 all

The rust showed in our at bats, struggling to get back to back hits. It also showed in the field with a couple of key errors Lessing to 3 runs in the 3rd which left us down 5-2.

After we ROYALS scored one run in the top of the fifth, Hawkesbury answered with one of their own. The ROYALS scored when Forster singled, scoring one run. We chipped away and then they scored 1 in reply.

Todd pitches a great game, but the bats didn't get us over the line

Looks like a G1 semi-final this week against the Eagles who we belted a month ago. Let's hope we get the bats hot again.



MOONBOOT RETURNS WITH A MINI NOVEL FOR G3 North!

In what seemed like an eternity between games with two weekends in a row being washed out we were back to playing ball. Whilst we were playing Quakers Hill, the game was being hosted at Chapman Gardens and initially it wasn't looking good for a game as around 12:00 there was no one from the opposition to be seen. As time to commence got closer they arrived and with some relief we knew that we had a game. This was a must win for us to firm up our place in finals.

With James and Owen out for the game, we had Kurt starting, Jeff catching, Allister at 1st, captain at 2nd, Scott at 3rd, Lockie at Short, Dave in Left, Brett at Centre and Gerry in Right. We were the away team and got to bat first. A leadoff triple set the scene and showed we were keen to hit. The biggest issue we had all game was that playing on diamond 1, we were hitting into the wind, a strong hit to centre which would have been close to leaving the park was held up in the wind, but the sacrifice scored a run. Another couple of hits and we had 2 across the plate to end the innings. Quakers came out swinging like us and were able to score 3 runs in the first due to a couple of errors. A big highlight of this inning for us was a pick off at 2nd as one of their younger players got a little bit too big a lead.

The second inning saw us continue where we left off with some more big hits and errors from Quakers. Plenty of stolen bags from us as well helped to push some runs across. Again, the wind was hampering our big hitters a little with the ball holding up in the air, but we were able to score 4 during the inning. A great pitching and fielding inning from the team saw 3 up and 3 down and we were quickly back up to bat with the score 6 – 3.

Unfortunately, our 3rd inning wasn't the best as they were able to get us out with no runs scored in the inning. Quakers then started to hit and a few errors saw a couple of runs cross the plate. Pitching change with Lockie taking the mound and Quakers were quickly retired however they had taken the lead with a score of 6 – 7.

The 4th saw our bats fire up again and we were able to score another couple of runs to send us back into the lead 8 – 7. We had another great pitching / fielding inning as we played around with a throw around after a couple of K's with Quakers unable to score any more runs in the inning.

Into the 5th and we wanted to put the game away as we knew it was going to be close to time. Quakers changed their pitcher with one of their younger players who had some pace but not the accuracy. This didn't stop us though with some more big hits coming and plenty more runs coming in across the plate and we had gotten ourselves up to 12 runs by the time we were out. The wind picking up during this inning not making it any easier to get some safe hits in the outfield. Quakers knew they needed to hit during this last inning and came out swinging even at balls that were head height but missing, which saw them all out without scoring another run.

Time and Game and we're off to the finals.



G3 West season wrap up!

4 games, 3 pummelling's and 1 close one!

We were up against it from the beginning. Still, my faithful band of base balling lovers stood up to be counted. After slumping to last in H grade last season, being put up to G3 whilst the winners of H stayed in H – another confusing decision from The League. Then as we, and most clubs, struggled to have enough numbers we were penalised for any late sign ups. Go figure!!!!

That's my AT style rant for this year.

On the flip, everyone took it on face value and had a good laugh.

We uncovered a great pitching prospect in Matt Clarke, a sharp new catcher in Cate, Phil's great attitude in every position, Tom always gives 100%, Stevie Beards enthusiasm can keep everyone vibed up, Wil still has "it", Shannon is hilarious, Jobbo oh Jobbo – you are an inspiration, and lastly, we got Mike Brogan back after a few years' absence! YAY!!!

However, he was snowed in for the last game and missed it!!!

Thanks everyone for some real fun, putting up with me and for making the BM Royals your club of choice!



This week G1 are v Eagles at 12.15 at Ashley Brown (obviously cursed by Satan)

Kurt's mob are at Peter Van Hassell Reserve at 2.45 v Da Riff Black Cats

The rest of us will make it to one or the other!



FREE BEER!!!

NOW THAT I HAVE GOT YOUR ATTENTION – LET'S LOOK AT THE END OF SEASON

In my best sarcasm, thank you to the one player out of 32 club members who relied to my last message about how to finish off last season! Jobbo – legend!

He agreed with the Exec and we will be holding a free to all BBQ at Lomatia **theoretically** on the 12th of September starting at 12.01pm. Depending on AT's finals campaign.

The only award this season will be a unique "Coaches Choice".

Followed by the always avoided "De-mounding Ceremony"

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